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ATHENS, OCT 13, REUTER -- THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER ATHENS NEWS SAID TODAY THAT GREECE HAD REFUSED TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TRANSIT FACILITIES FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES ON THEIR WAY TO ISRAEL.

QUOTING WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS RELIABLE SOURCES, IT SAID PRIME MINISTER SPYROS MARKEZINIS TURNED DOWN THE REQUEST AT A MEETING LAST THURSDAY WITH AMBASSADOR HENRY TASCA.

GREEK OFFICIALS DECLINED COMMENT ON THE REPORT.

MEANWHILE THE MERCHANT MARINE MINISTRY SAID 15 GREEK SHIPS WERE STILL UNLOADING CARGOES AT PORTS IN SYRIA, EGYPT AND ISRAEL. TWO GREEK SAILORS WERE KILLED AND SEVEN HURT LAST THURSDAY WHEN THE 3,450-TON GREEK FREIGHTER TSIMENTARCHOS WAS SUNK DURING AN ISRAELI RAID ON THE SYRIAN PORT OF LATAKIA.
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